

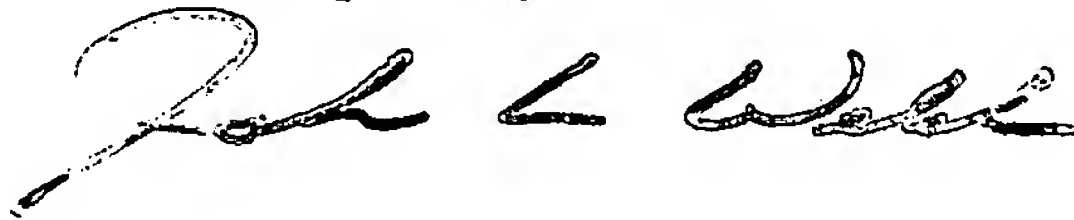
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**REMARKS**

The claims as originally filed in the international application have been amended to remove any multiple dependencies. Claims 1-7 and 9 are currently pending. No new claims have been added. Claim 8 has been canceled. No new matter has been added. Entry of the present amendment prior to review of the application is respectfully requested.

If additional information is required, or if the Office has any questions that might expedite prosecution of the above-referenced application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned at (703) 920-1122.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John L. Welsh".

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